

FINANCE, OIL AND GAS

Oil and Gas.

West Virginia shows very few completions and all light pumps. Near Wick, Meade district, Tyler county, the Meade Oil and Gas Company has completed and shot a second test on a two-barrel pump in the Maxon sand. In Centerville district, Tyler county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has started to drill a second test on the Roberts heirs' farm. The same company has the rig completed for a test on the P. K. Eastman farm. In the same district, the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company's test on the S. J. Straight farm is a light gasser in the Gordon sand. On Bull Creek, DeKalb district, Gilmer county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has now completed and shot in the Maxon sand its test on the Yalper farm. It is showing for a five-barrel pump. In Troy district the same company is due in the Gordon sand and a test on the G. O. Rymer farm. The rig has been completed for a test on the P. A. Schultz farm and the test on the E. F. Lorents farm is due in the sand. Across the line in Ritchie county the Carnegie Natural Gas Company is due in the sand at a test on the J. E. Elder farm and has the rig completed for a test on the A. Hogue farm.

On the north fork of Hughes River, Clay district, Ritchie county, the Ridgeview Oil Company has a rig up on the John Pool farm. On Worthington Creek, Union district, Wood county, the Helms Oil Company is drilling a test on the N. E. Gribble farm. On Little Sancho Creek, Meade district, Tyler county, the Hope Natural Gas Company is fishing at a test on the P. M. Robinson farm. On Husted Fork, Booths Creek district, Taylor county, the Philadelphia Company is drilling tests on the C. L. Reynolds and Samuel W. Hibbs farm.

Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13.—The Pittsburgh market also registered pessimistic sentiment. Fireproof preferred went to 9, a decline of 1/4, touching a new low record for all time. United States Steel augmented its previous advance declines by another drop of 3 1/2 points. Electric common sold off 1 1/4 points; Columbia Gas and Electric dropped 1/2; Independent Brewing common, 1/2; Light and Heat, 1/2; Mt. Shasta, 5; Pittsburgh Oil and Gas, 1/2; Pittsburgh Jerome, 2; Ross, 1; Sun Toy, 1; Pittsburgh Coal common rose 1/2. There were 8,745 shares dealt in, 7,300 being coppers.

Summary.

Sales—	High	Low
40 Col G & E.....	28 1/2	28
500 Diana Mines.....	.04	.04
10 Fireproof pfd.....	9	9
40 H-W Refrac pfd.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
170 Ind Brewing.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
285 Mt Shasta.....	5 1/2	5 1/2
190 Ohio Fuel Sup.....	41 1/2	41 1/2
50 Pittsburgh Coal.....	43	43
500 P-J Copper.....	.48	.48
40 Pgh O & G.....	6	6
500 Ross M & M.....	.07	.07
500 Sun Toy.....	.10	.10
205 U S Steel.....	8 1/2	8 1/2
500 West Electric.....	29 1/2	29 1/2

*New low record.

New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The further crumbling of values in the stock market yesterday were again traceable to obvious causes, foreign and domestic developments intensifying the general feeling of discouragement. Cumulative evidence that the government proposes taking over the railroads under conditions not previously reckoned with and a news ticker dispatch from Washington quoting an eminent military authority as saying that all private munition plants should be placed under direct Federal control contributed measurably to the widespread reaction.

COMEDIES OF CAMP LEE.



"Shucks! I forgot th' field glasses."
"Oh, that tha's awright—we'll drin' a outa th' canteen, here."

JUST LIKE CRACKING THE KAISER'S HEAD



Here's another jolt for the Kaiser—delivered by Mrs. Ernest Lister, wife of Washington's governor. When she smashed the bottle of fizz-water against the steamship "Seattle" a few days ago, the first of Uncle Sam's new wartime merchant fleet afloat in the water to defy the U-Sharks. The vessel, although the 33rd ordered by the U. S. Shipping Board, was launched in the record-breaking time of 73 building days. The builders were congratulated over the wires by Rear Admiral F. T. Boyles, U. S.

BITS OF STATE NEWS

Max Koffman of Benwood was arrested Monday on a warrant sworn out by Sheriff Clayton, of Marshall county, charged with not assisting the Sheriff when the latter was arresting an escaped prisoner at Benwood. Koffman waived hearing and was held under bond to the grand jury by Squire E. M. Lewis. This offense is punishable with no more than 6 months imprisonment and not less than \$100 fine, to be fixed at the discretion of the court.

Even an editor occasionally is stirred by romance—in others. Read the following from last week's issue of the Weston Independent: Reside W. Moore, of Marlinton, Pocahontas county, and Miss Annie Mitchell, of Upshur county, were married in the waiting room of the B. & O. depot Thanksgiving morning immediately after the train arrived from Dickens. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. M. Mitchell, pastor of the local M. P. church the bride being his sister. The usual crowd of commens and goers were present, and a wedding on Thanksgiving under such novel circumstances was indeed a treat to the jolly crowd especially Chief of Police Skinner, the new boys and ye scribe. The happy couple left on the 7:30 train for a visit with relatives at Orlando, after which they will locate at Arlington, Upshur county.

On Saturday says The Parkersburg Sentinel, W. H. McFrederick, one of the widely known oil field men of this locality, made application at the office of Federal Court Clerk A. T. Barrett for passports to Tampico, Mexico, where he will enter the employ of the Carter Oil Co. Mr. Frederick has been employed in other of the foreign oil fields, several years ago having been located in Rumania coming out with the last

batch of Americans as the German fields. He had a rather exciting experience on that occasion.

SPECIAL NOTICES

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At a meeting of The Public Service Commission of West Virginia, held on the 30th day of November, A. D., 1917, Case No. 663, Hope Natural Gas Company Application to Change Rates, it was ordered as follows:
"Whereas, application has this day been filed by the Hope Natural Gas Company for authority to change its rates for natural gas, it is ordered that leave be granted to any person interested to file objection thereto before the Commission at any time on or before the 15th day of January, 1918; and this matter be set down for hearing at a meeting of the Commission to be held at its offices in the Capitol Building in the City of Charleston on the said 15th day of January, 1918, at ten o'clock a. m., at which time any person may appear and make such objection thereto as may be deemed proper."

"It is further ordered that the applicant publish a copy of this order once each week for four successive weeks in two newspapers of opposite politics, if such there be, and of general circulation in the county or counties affected by the proposed change in rates; and a copy of this order and said proposed rates be posted for public inspection at the office of the mayor in each of the towns affected by the proposed change in rates for four successive weeks prior to January 15, 1918; and said applicant shall also mail to or serve on each of its consumers affected by the proposed change in rates at least two weeks prior to date of hearing a written notice in the form prescribed by the Commission, showing that it has applied to The Public Service Commission for authority to change its rates, the time and place of such hearing, and the rates proposed to be charged by it, making due return to this Commission of the publication of notice, the posting of rates and service of notice on its said consumers prior to said January 15, 1918."

HOPE NATURAL GAS CO.
By JOHN G. PEW,
Vice President.
Dec. 6-13-20-27.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Fairmont, Fairmont, W. Va., will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, corner Adams and Jefferson Street, City of Fairmont, County of Marion, State of West Virginia, on the second Tuesday in January, 1918, being the 8th day of said month at 2 P. M. of said day for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
FAIRMONT

By H. W. Showalter, Vice Pres.

NOTICE.

Any one who has seen or knows the whereabouts of Luther E. Jones, of Broomfield, W. Va., are requested to notify P. O. Box 93, Mannington, W. Va. 12-3-3t

SITUATION WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Position as store manager. Coal Company store preferred; 20 years' experience, very best references, or will put money in small coal operation or store for interest. Address Box 318, West Virginia. 12-10-2t-318t

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Man to drive team. Apply 905 Glenn Ave. 12-10-3t-318t

WANTED—Good sized boy. Steady work. Apply Fairmont Printing & Publishing Co. M. E. Miller, Mgr. Printing Dept. 12-10-4t-318t

WANTED—Clean, neat, reliable boy about sixteen, for general work in store. Must have references. Address Box 319, West Va. 12-12-4t-319t

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—If sold quick; 1 iron safe, medium size; 1 Smith Premier typewriter. Phone 1204-J. 12-11-3t-319t

FOR SALE—Fine line of Christmas Trees, 50c to \$3.00 each. Better order now and be sure to get one. Call phone 1492-J. 12-13-6t-320t

HOUSES FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR RENT—Modern six-room house. G. C. Powell, phone 1283. 12-14-4t-317t

SITUATION WANTED Female

WANTED—Position by lady experienced in stenographic work. Address Box 3187 West Virginia office. 12-10-2t-318t

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Searching for the Success Key That Will Unlock the Door to Plenty

Just how to find the key to the situation—how to separate the necessities from the luxuries and declare a dividend undoubtedly has been your problem—and may be. It is surprising how things adjust themselves to conditions. A part of your salary placed in the National Bank every pay day will aid you in making the rest of that income adjust itself to meet necessities. You owe it to yourself to try it anyway. We welcome your account.

The
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FAIRMONT
WEST VA.



LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Near Gladys Creek, White Fox Hound; tan ears; \$15.00 reward. W. Woody, City. 12-11-3t-318t
FOUND—Brown mule. Owner can have same by calling at Hunsaker's stable, Hull Alley. 12-11-3t-318t
LOST—On Clarksburg-Fairmont car leaving Clarksburg at 1:30 Dec. 12, cowhide telescope case about 15x7x12 inches. Contained a time-lock movement and a wooden case holding small tools. Return to Box 3201 West Virginia. 12-13-6t-3201t

FARMS FOR SALE

IDEAL FARM for sale—Four hundred and eight acres, good house two tenant houses, barn, peach orchard of 1000 trees, two hundred acres of good timber, sufficient supply of water located on country road leading to Aurora, and two miles south of J. & K. Junction, Union district, church and school building within one-quarter mile. Any further information desired. Address R. McVicker, Rowlesburg, W. Va. 11-30-3t-312t

FOR SALE—Quick, 91 1/2 acre farm, \$4,000.00. Six-room house and outbuildings. Free mail delivery. Good road, 6 miles to city. Cumberland rand. Lime stone soil. Plenty good water. Only reason for selling my wife died and my mother too old to do the work. Near school, church and church. Box 230 Cumberland, Md. 12-11-3t-312t

FARM, HOTEL FOR SALE—135 acres, \$50 per acre, 33 room hotel, cheap. Oliver Burnett, Washington, 12-13-6t-319t

ROOMS TO RENT

FOR RENT—Very reasonable, a well furnished room for one person. Call at 526 Gaston Ave. 10-13-4t-305t

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Mrs. C. C. Leonard, 523 Walnut avenue. 11-13-4t-311t

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, 309 High St. 12-13-6t-320t

HOUSES FOR RENT

WANTED—Colored woman to do laundry and housework one day each week. Call phone 601-J. 11-27-4t-316t

FOR RENT—Five-room cottage, 1024 Lowell St. Call 1413-R. 12-13-6t-320t

WANTED

WANTED—Old False Teeth. Don't matter if broken. I pay \$2.00 to \$15.00 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. L. Maser, 2007 S. Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa. 11-15-2t-305t

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Maid for general housework. Mrs. Frank Haas, 600 Beacon Ave., phone 594. 12-13-6t-318t

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply 806 Virginia Ave., phone 212-M. 12-13-6t-320t

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Join The National Bank's Christmas Money Club

The payments are either uniform, or increasing or decreasing in size each week, just whichever suits each individual member. You select the payments you think you can easily make, and make them every week—that's all there is to it. The club pays out two weeks before Christmas, and we mail you a check for the amount you have saved.

It is so simple a child can understand it, and in fact we have a lot of children in our club this year. The habit of saving, when once it is firmly implanted in the child sticks to it through life, and the National Bank feels that it can do the young men and women of the future no greater favor than helping them form the saving habit through the Money Saving Club.

The following is a list of the classes, the payments, and the amount you will receive just before Christmas next year. The one-cent class increases or decreases a cent each week, the two cent class increases or decreases two cents each week, and the five-cent class increases or decreases five cents each week.

1c Class (Up or Down) \$12.50	25c Uniform Class \$ 25.00
2c Class (Up or Down) 25.50	\$1.00 Uniform Class 50.00
5c Class (Up or Down) 63.75	\$2.00 Uniform Class 100.00
25c Uniform Class 12.50	\$5.00 Uniform Class 250.00

You may have two or more memberships in the same class or in different classes, if you so desire.

Open for Members Monday, December 17

The National Bank of Fairmont

WHATSOEVER maketh for safety from fires, whatsoever preventeth fires, whatsoever developeth care in handling fires or fire breeding materials; if there be any worth of manhood or womanhood in you, think of these things—Fire Facts.

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